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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (currently amended). An assembly comprising a parts-retaining panel, having a front side and a rear side facing in opposite directions, and a set of cooperating parts for a mechanism, said parts being removably retained on the front side of said parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said mechanism, said panel being removable from said parts by movement of the panel, in the direction in which the rear side faces, when the parts are mounted in operative relationship in said mechanism, in which said panel has a plurality of legs extending from said rear side in the direction in which said rear side faces, said legs being substantially entirely rearward of said retained parts, being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel, and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, and to establish a hollow space between said panels sufficient to accommodate an identical set of parts retained on said adjacent panel.

2 (currently amended). An assembly, according to claim 1, in which said comprising a parts-retaining panel and a set of cooperating parts consists of parts for a timing drive of an internal combustion engine, said parts being removably

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retained on said parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said engine, said panel being removable from said parts when the parts are mounted in operative relationship in said engine.

3 (currently amended). An assembly according to claim 2, in which said parts-retaining panel includes a plurality of retainers protruding from ~~a~~ face said front side thereof, said retainers holding said parts on the panel, and in which said panel also includes a plurality of through holes through which fasteners for securing said parts to the engine can be inserted.

4 (original). An assembly according to claim 2, in which said parts are retained on said panel in the same cooperative relationship to one another as when in operative relationship in said engine.

5 (original). An assembly according to claim 3, in which said parts are retained on said panel in the same cooperative relationship to one another as when in operative relationship in said engine.

6 (currently amended) An assembly according to claim 2 1, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, ~~each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate~~

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a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel and in which each of said legs is positioned at one of said corners.

7 (currently amended). An assembly according to claim 3 2, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel and in which each of said legs is positioned at one of said corners.

8 (currently amended) An assembly according to claim 4 3, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel and in which each of said legs is positioned at one of said corners.

9 (currently amended) An assembly according to claim 5 4, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel and in which each of said legs is positioned at one of said corners.

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10(original) An assembly according to claim 2, in which said panel is recyclable.

11(original) An assembly according to claim 3, in which said panel is recyclable.

12(original) An assembly according to claim 4, in which said panel is recyclable.

13(original) An assembly according to claim 5, in which said panel is recyclable.

14(original) An assembly according to claim 6, in which said panel is recyclable.

15(original) An assembly according to claim 7, in which said panel is recyclable.

16(original) An assembly according to claim 8, in which said panel is recyclable.

17(original) An assembly according to claim 9, in which said panel is recyclable.

18(withdrawn) A method of mounting and securing a set of cooperating parts for a machine, comprising the steps of removably retaining said parts on a parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said machine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship

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with a mounting surface of a machine, securing said parts to the machine, and removing only said panel.

19(withdrawn). A method according to claim 18, in which said step of removing only said panel is followed by the steps of removably retaining a second set of parts on the removed parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another when in operative relationship on a second machine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said second set of parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship with a mounting surface of a second machine, securing said parts of the second set to the second machine, and again removing only said panel.

20(withdrawn). A method of mounting and securing a set of cooperating parts for a the timing drive of an internal combustion engine, comprising the steps of removably retaining said parts on a parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said engine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship with a mounting surface of said engine, securing said parts to the engine, and removing only said panel.

21(withdrawn) A method according to claim 20, in which said step of removing only said panel is followed by the steps of removably retaining a second set of parts on the removed parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another when in operative relationship on a second internal combustion engine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said second set of parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship

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with a mounting surface of a second internal combustion engine, securing said parts of the second set to the second engine, and again removing only said panel.